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SUBJECT: FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENTS (WEEK ENDING JUNE 12)

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1. REDUCTION IN INTEREST RATES OF FEDERAL SAVINGS BONDS: EFFECTIVE JUNE 20 INTEREST RATES ON NEWLY-ISSUED FEDERAL SAVINGS BONDS WILL BE REDUCED. THE YIELD TO MATURITY OF SAVINGS BONDS OF TYPE A (ANNUAL INTEREST PAYMENTS, MATURITY 6 YEARS) WILL BE 7.27 PERCENT (PREVIOUSLY 7.71 PERCENT) AND THAT OF TYPE B BONDS (ACCUMULATED INTEREST, MATURITY 7 YEARS) 7.63 PERCENT (PREVIOUSLY 7.99 PERUNCLASSIFIED

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CENT).

2. FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET: IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE REPORTING WEEK THE DOLLAR WEAKENED AGAINST THE DEUTSCHEMARK. SPOT AND FORWARD DOLLAR RATES DEVELOPED AS FOLLOWS:

FORWARD DOLLARS (DISCOUNTS IN PCT.P.A.) SPOT DOLLARS ONE-MONTH THREE-MONTH

JUNE 5	DM 2.3442		-1.5	-1.5	
6	2.3415	-1.3	-1.5		
9	2.3507	-1.3	-1.3		
10	2.3445	-0.8	-1.4		
11	2.3350	-0.5	-1.1		
12	2.3316	-0.8	-1.3		

WITHIN THE JOINT FLOAT THE POSITION OF THE DEUTSCHEMARK DID NOT CHANGE VERY MUCH. AT THE END OF THE REPORTING WEEK ALL FLOAT CURRENCIES WERE BELOW THEIR DEUTSCHEMARK UPPER INTERVENTION POINTS.

3. MONEY MARKET: THE GERMAN MONEY MARKET TIGHTENED SOMEWHAT WHEN PAYMENTS FOR THE MAJOR MID-MONTH TAX DATE BEGAN. DURING THE REPORTING WEEK FRANKFURT INTER-BANK MONEY RATES DEVELOPED AS FOLLOWS:

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JUNE 5	4.0-4.5	4.5-4.8	4.5-4.8
6 4.0	0-4.5	4.5-4.8	4.5-4.8
9 4.2	2-4.6	4.6-4.9	4.6-4.9
10 4.	5-4.8	4.7-4.9	4.8-5.0
11 4.	.8-5.2	4.8-5.0	4.9-5.1
12 4.	6-4.8	4.6-4.9	4.6-4.9

4. MONETARY RESERVES: DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF JUNE (JUNE 1-7) THE BUNDESBANK'S NET FOREIGN POSITION DECLINED BY DM 0.3 BILLION TO DM 82.7 BILLION. ACCORDING TO THE BUNDESBANK, THE DECLINE WAS IN PART ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE UNCLASSIFIED

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CONVERSION OF DM PROCEEDS OF FOREIGN DM DENOMINATED BONDS. HOLDINGS OF LIQUID FOREIGN EXCHANGE DECLINED BY DM 259 MILLION AND GERMANY'S IMF GOLD TRANCHE POSITION BY DM 16 MILLION. GROSS LIABILITIES INCREASED BY DM 20 MILLION.

5. BANK LIQUIDITY: IN THE FIRST WEEK OF JUNE BANK LIQUIDITY INCREASED BY DM 3.1 BILLION. FACTORS IN-

CREASING LIQUIDITY WERE DECLINES IN OFFICIAL NET ASSETS HELD AT THE BUNDESBANK (DM 1.9 BILLION), IN CURRENCY IN CIRCULATION (DM 0.9 BILLION) AND IN THE BANKS' HOLDINGS OF RESERVES AT THE BUNDESBANK (DM 1.3 BILLION). OTHER FACTORS, INCLUDING THE ABOVE-MENTIONED DECLINE IN THE BUNDESBANK'S NET FOREIGN POSITION REDUCED LIQUIDITY BY DM 1.0 BILLION. THE BANKS USED THE INCREASE IN LIQUIDITY TO REDUCE LOMBARD BORROWINGS BY DM 2.8 BILLION (TO PRACTICALLY ZERO) AND REDISCOUNT BORROWINGS BY DM 0.3 BILLION.

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6. BOND MARKET: DURING THE REPORTING WEEK FAZ AVERAGE YIELDS TO MATURITY OF OUTSTANDING DOMESTIC BONDS DEVELOPED AS FOLLOWS:

8 PERCENT 7 PERCENT 6 PERCENT

JUNE 5	8.49	8.66	8.22
6	8.49	8.65	8.22
9	8.52	8.65	8.20
10	8.52	8.65	8.23
11	8.53	8.67	8.24
12	8.52	8.67	8.23
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ON JUNE 9 THE AUSTRIAN STEEL FIRM VOEST-ALPINE ISSUED A DM 100 MILLION LOAN (COUPON 8 1/2 PERCENT, ISSUE PRICE 99, AVERAGE MATURITY 8 YEARS). THE COMMERZBANK IS CURRENTLY OFFERING A DM 50 MILLION LOAN (COUPON 8 PERCENT, ISSUE PRICE 100, MATURITY 7 YEARS). IN MID-MAY THE BANK OFFERED ANOTHER DM 50 MILLION LOAN AT THE SAME CONDITIONS BUT WITH A MATURITY OF 6 YEARS. THE SWEDISH FORSMARKS KRAFTGRUPP, A.B., STOCKHOLM, IS PLANNING TO LAUNCH A DM 100 MILLION LOAN. THE COUPON IS EXPECTED TO BE 8 1/2 PERCENT, THE AVERAGE MATURITY WILL BE 6 1/2 YEARS. THE LOAN WILL BE GUARANTEED BY THE KINGDOM OF SWEDEN. IN VIEW OF THE CURRENTLY PRE-VAILING FAVORABLE BOND MARKET CONDITIONS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL OFFER ANOTHER LOAN OF ABOUT DM 600 MILLION PROBABLY CARRYING THE SAME CONDITIONS AS THE LAST FEDERAL LOAN OFFERED ON JUNE 9 (SEE BONN 9099). IN A PRESS STATEMENT THE FINANCE MINISTRY EXPLAINED THAT, WITH THIS LOAN, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1975 WOULD HAVE MET MORE THAN HALF OF ITS FINANCING NEEDS. SINCE THE SAME APPLIES FOR SOME OF THE LARGER STATES NO EXCESSIVE CAPITAL DEMAND OF PUBLIC AUTHORITIES SHOULD BE EXPECTED IN THE SECOND HALF OF 1975.

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